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My husband and I are over-the-road truck drivers running team. Prior to our getting XM radio, our radio in the truck was virtually useless. If we were able to get reception near populated areas, it was rarely useful, frequently distasteful or irritating in content and always of short duration. The aggravation of trying to tune in stations as we moved from one area to another could distract attention from driving.

With XM radio, all these issues are addressed and resolved. Very rarely is there any interruption in reception and then only briefly until we move away from the obstruction blocking the satellite. The programming meets our needs with weather info, traffic info, news, one channel devoted to truckers and their issues 24 hrs a day, a tremendous variety of types of music and other entertainment to suit each of us. We can tune into a channel anytime and 24 hours or 1300 miles later still be receiving that channel. If we want to change, the preset buttons makes it very easy to find another favorite program. Being able to access current weather and traffic info allows us to plan the safest way to do our job and could mean the difference between a calamity and a safe delivery. We haul sensitive and explosive freight for the DOD and potential calamity is not an overstatement.

Please DO NOT CHANGE this very valuable safety tool or deprive us of any of the features we find so helpful. Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Thank you. Elizabeth and Raymond Kirby.